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PRESS RELEASE
****UPDATE****

Date/Time of Release: Thursday, October 27, 2005 11 a.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence: October 27, 2005 5:00 a.m.
Nature of Call: Rogue Bear Shot and Killed
Location of Call: Tahoe City Condominium Complex
Released by: Lt. John Addoms/Media contact: Dena Erwin (530) 889-6922

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

At 5:00 this morning, the bear believed to be largely responsible for the rash of home break-ins in the Tahoe City area was shot and killed.

The residential areas east of Tahoe City have been experiencing an alarming number of reported bear break-ins, approximately one per day over the past month. According to Ann Bryant of the BEAR League, the bear has been very aggressive in his determination to make entry into homes for food, often destroying heavy, solid doors. The BEAR League, a private organization dedicated to bear welfare and public education, installed surveillance equipment and obtained photographs of the responsible bear. It is described as a very large, approximately 600-pound, dark-colored bear.

Yesterday, the manager of a local condominium complex sought guidance from authorities regarding the legalities of standing guard at the condos to shoot the rogue bear should it return. At least 11 condos in the complex have reported being broken into by a bear within the past week. A depredation permit was issued by the California Department of Fish and Game.

This morning, the manager said the bear exited a condominium and it was shot and killed. A sheriff's deputy responded to the scene. Bryant confirmed it was the same bear believed responsible for the series of break-ins.

Although the destruction of this bear should decrease reports of break-ins, residents need to remember that this is still bear country and precautions should be taken to avoid attracting these animals to their homes.

"The Sheriff's Department commends Ann Bryant and the BEAR League for recognizing the need to protect the public and safeguard wildlife," said Sheriff Ed Bonner.

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